

Vigo County Public Library

Terre Haute, Indiana, June 14, 1971

Vigo Co. Public Library Board Minutes

Be It Remembered That at the regular meeting of the Vigo County Public Library Board for the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library, had and held at the Vigo County School Administration Building, 667 Walnut Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 14th day of June, 1971, at 9:45 p.m., immediately following the Vigo County School Board meeting, the following members being present to wit: Mr. Peter Farmer, President; Mr. William Llewellyn, Vice-President; Mr. John Sutherland, Deputy Secretary; Dr. Iverson Bell; Dr. William Kessel; the following proceedings were had:

Library Staff present: Edward N. Howard, Director; Mrs. Betty Martin, Assistant Director; Linda Fagg.

Others present: Mr. Jordan Lewis, Attorney for the Library Board; Mrs. Susan Crittenden; Diane Chandler; Mr. John Dennis; Mrs. Elizabeth Nattkemper, Director, YWCA; Mr. Vernie Potter, Advisory Board, YWCA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kessel moved that the Board accept the minutes of May 10, 1971, as provided. Mr. Llewellyn seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

In addition to his written report, Mr. Howard read a letter received from Mr. George W. Martin, Secretary,

Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, indicating their interest in ground immediately joining the Y.M.C.A. property on the east. (Letter attached to official minutes.)

Mr. Llewellyn moved that the Board accept the Director's Report as submitted and Dr. Kessel seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye". (Copy Attached to official minutes.)

AWARDING OF BID FOR REMOVAL OF BUILDINGS
ON WILEY PROPERTY

Mrs. Martin stated that after study of the bids received for the demolition of the buildings on the Wiley property, it was recommended that the bid be awarded to Haley Brothers Construction Company on Proposal B. at \$44,773.00. Mrs. Martin explained that this was the low bid that included an auction with proceeds going to the library building fund.

Mr. Sutherland inquired if this was the low bid, and Mrs. Martin replied that it was not. She continued that the low bid was that of Dennis Trucking on Proposal A. with a figure of \$39,939.00. Mr. Sutherland stated that he could not agree with this recommendation then because it was not the low bid submitted. He felt that if the bid was awarded to other than the low bidder it would make it very hard to get low bids in the future because the low bid has always been accepted. He added

that there was no guarantee that the Library would make up the \$4800 difference from auction and sale of souvenirs.

Dr. Kessel commented that he agreed with Mr. Sutherland and would recommend awarding to the low bidder.

Mr. Llewellyn stated that he was in agreement that the Library might not gain anything in the long run through an auction sale.

Mr. Sutherland moved that the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder among the four proposals--Dennis Trucking Company. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kessel. All members present voted "Aye".

Mrs. Martin stated that she would like to have it made part of the record that the Historical Society wants to obtain the contents of the cornerstone of Wiley when and if it is located.

Mr. Dennis of Dennis Trucking Company to whom the bid was awarded, stated that he could not have people wandering around picking up souvenirs while the Wiley property is being torn down as his insurance would not permit this.

Mr. Howard pointed out that the Library would not get involved in taking calls and making lists of requests from citizens for souvenir items but would refer all such requests to Dennis Trucking Company.

REQUEST FROM YWCA TO SET SELLING PRICE
FOR BUILDING SITE

Mr. Howard explained that he had spoken with Mrs. Nattkemper, Director of the YWCA, and that the YWCA Board needed to have a property price estimate so that they could begin making plans for a new YWCA building.

After some discussion by the Board, Dr. Bell suggested that the Board set the price based on the range of bids to clear the Wiley site including the School Administration Building. Dr. Bell then moved that a tentative price range of \$77,000 to \$84,000 per acre be set for the YWCA and the motion was seconded by Dr. Kessel. All members present voted "Aye".

Mrs. Nattkemper expressed her appreciation to the Library Board for its consideration, since the YWCA could now begin with its future building plans.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR APPROPRIATION FROM LIRF

Mr. Llewellyn moved to advertise an appropriation of \$40,000 from LIRF to cover cost of demolition. Mr. Sutherland seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION BY LIBRARY ATTORNEY

Dr. Bell stated that although no money may be received it should at least be investigated regarding the \$50,000 paid by the Vigo County School Corporation for

demolition of buildings when VCSC sold the Wiley property to BOAC.

A discussion followed concerning whether the \$50,000 was restricted to the VCSC deal with the Board of Aviation Commissioners or whether it was part of the Library's transaction.

Dr. Bell recommended that this matter be investigated to determine the status of the \$50,000 originally included in the Wiley property transaction.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Mr. Sutherland moved the approval of bills for June, 1971, and payrolls for May 25 and June 10, 1971. Dr. Kessel seconded the motion. All members present voted "Aye".

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Vigo County Public Library Board will be July 19, 1971, at the Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Peter A. Farmer, President

William Llewellyn, Vice-President

(Absent)

Paul D. Haas, Secretary

John Sutherland, Deputy Secretary
